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# AN ACCOUNT OF THE SOCIETY *for* PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

THE *Society for Promoting Chriſtian Knowledge* having been many Years engaged in carrying on ſuch Works as they judged to tend, and, by the Bleſſing of God, have tended to his Honour, and the Service of true Religion; and finding that their Deſigns are not ſo generally known as they could wiſh, and conſequently not ſo much encouraged as they preſume they will be, when further known; they have therefore reſolved to print this ſhort Account of their Origin and Deſigns; and intend, for the future, to annex to the Sermons preached at the Anniverſary Meetings of the Children

educated in the Charity-Schools, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, ANNUAL ACCOUNTS of their Proceedings, and the State of their Affairs.

THE SOCIETY conſiſt partly of *Subſcribing*, or *Reſiding*, and partly of *Correſponding* Members. The former give their Advice and Attendance, with ſuch certain Annual Contributions as each thinks proper: The latter are ſuch Perſons in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and other Proteſtant Countries, as are choſen to correſpond with the Society, on purpoſe to acquaint them, from time to time, with the State of Religion in their Neighbourhood; to ſuggeſt ſuch Methods of doing Good as occur to them; to diſtribute Bibles, or ſuch other practical Tracts, recommended by the Society, as they judge to be moſt uſeful; and to remit occaſional Benefactions, which they themſelves are pleaſed to contribute, or collect from well-diſpoſed Chriſtians.

Anno 1698. ABOUT the latter end of the Year 1698, a few Gentlemen formed themſelves into a *Voluntary Society*, under the Title abovementioned, and with Purpoſes to promote the real and practical Knowledge of true Religion, by ſuch Methods as they ſhould think moſt conducive to that end.

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THE first that occurr'd, was to procure that *Catechetical Schools* might be erected, for teaching the Poor to read, and instructing them in the *Church-Catechism*: And that those Schools might answer the true Purpose for which they were erected, they have not been wanting, in their Annual Correspondence with such Members as were concerned in their Support and Management, to recommend, that with their Instructions in Religion and Piety, they should join all proper Methods of inuring the Children to Labour and Industry; by which they might become virtuous and useful Servants in Husbandry, and other Employments suitable to their respective Stations: With these Views it was, they printed and dispersed a Sett of Rules, for their good Order and Government; which were approved by the Achbishops and Bishops, who directed that the same should be observed through their respective Dioceses. But what has been done in these Particulars, will be evident, N°. I. and III. in the *Appendix.*

ANOTHER Method was to raise Contributions amongst themselves and Friends, in order to promote Christian Knowledge in the *Plantations*, by furnishing Bibles, Prayer-

Prayer-Books, and religious Treatiſes, and erecting *Parochial Libraries* there.

THESE and other good Purpoſes they zealouſly and unanimouſly purſued till the
1701. Year 1701, when a Scheme was laid and perfected, and, at their Inſtance, a Charter was obtained from King *William* III, whereby the Subſcribing Members of this Society, with others of Diſtinction in Church and State, were *Incorporated*, for the better carrying on that Branch of their Deſign which related to the *Plantations, Colonies*, and *Factories beyond the Seas, belonging to the Kingdom of* England; from which Time that excellent Work has, by the Divine Bleſſing, been very ſucceſsfully carried on by the Corporation.

THE *Charter* being confined to Foreign Parts, and the *Corporation* extending their Care only to the Plantations in *America*, the Original Members continued, as a *Voluntary Society*, to carry on their extenſive Deſigns, by promoting Chriſtian Knowledge, both at Home, and in other Parts of the World, as they had formerly done, or as any new Methods ſhould occur. They are therefore a *Society*, diſtinct from the *Corporation* known by the Name of the *Society for the Propagation of the Goſpel in Foreign Parts*, engaged like them in pro-

promoting the Honour of God, and the Service of true Christianity in other Places.

Proceeding in their first Methods, they have, by the Assistance of their Members, both at Home and Abroad, dispersed several Hundred Thousands of Bibles, Prayer-Books, and religious Tracts, as they have reason to hope, to the great Increase of the Knowledge and Practice of our holy Religion: These Books, of which there is a Catalogue in the *Appendix*, N°. IV. are dispersed in the following Manner: Bibles and other Books are distributed at prime Cost, the Society defraying the Expence of Binding; the stitch'd Tracts they allow to their Members at half the prime Cost, defraying the other half out of their own Fund.

In the Year 1710, the Society undertook the Management of such Charities as were, or should be put into their Hands, for the Support and Enlargement of the Protestant Mission, then maintained by the King of *Denmark* at *Tranquebar* in the *East-Indies*, for the Conversion of the Heathen in those Parts. Accordingly they, from time to time, assisted the Missionaries there with *Money*, a *Printing-Press*, *Paper*, and other Necessaries (as they were enabled) till the Year 1728, when, upon a Proposal made by 1710.

by the Reverend Mr. *Schultze*, one of the *Daniſh* Miſſionaries, to remove to *Fort St. George*, and there begin a new Miſſion, for the Converſion of the Heathen at *Madras*, the Society engaged for the Support of that new Miſſion; and have ever ſince borne the whole Expence of it, which is very conſiderable; there being now two other Miſſionaries added to the firſt, beſide the Aſſiſtance which they ſtill continue to thoſe at *Tranquebar*. Here was a large Field! too large indeed for the Abilities of private Perſons; nevertheleſs, it has hitherto providentially ſubſiſted: therefore, as by this means a Door is open'd for the more effectual Propagation of Chriſtianity, they hope they ſhall not want the Aſſiſtance of good Chriſtians to continue, and even enlarge ſo bleſſed a Deſign.

1720. IN the Year 1720, the Society extended their Regard to the *Greek* Church in *Paleſtine*, *Syria*, *Meſopotamia*, *Arabia*, and *Egypt*. To this end they publiſhed Propoſals for Printing here, with a new Sett of Types, the *New Teſtament*, *Pſalter*, *Catechiſm*, and an *Abridgment of the Hiſtory of the Bible*, in *Arabick*. And have been enabled, by the Bleſſing of God, on the Recommendation of the Biſhops, joined to the Charity and Zeal of their own Members; (vid. *Append.* N°. III.) to procure an Edition

dition of above 6000 Pſalters, and 10000 Teſtaments, at ſo large an Expence as the Sum of 2976*l.* 1*s.* 6*d* ½. to which his late Majeſty was a bountiful Contributor, by a gracious Benefaction of 500*l.* 5498 of thoſe Pſalters, and 2512 of the New Teſtaments, have been already diſperſed in thoſe Parts, which were moſt thankfully received; and the reſt are reſerved to be ſent as Occaſion ſhall offer.

THE Society have had the Pleaſure to ſee the Succeſs of the Endeavours uſed in many Places of the Kingdom, for employing the Poor and their Children, by ſetting up *Workhouſes*; and that nothing might be wanting to encourage the Proſecution of ſo uſeful a Deſign, they did in the Year 1725, cauſe Collections of the beſt Accounts of ſuch Workhouſes to be publiſhed, in order to recommend the ſame to general Practice; and that in them particular Regard ſhould be had to ſuch an Education of Children, as might make them better Chriſtians, and better Servants and Apprentices, and in all reſpects more uſeful to their Country. 1725.

THIS Account has anſwered the Purpoſe, by encouraging others to follow the good Example; and was therefore reprinted the laſt Year with very large Additions, and

is diſperſed upon the uſual Terms of the Society.

1732. IN the Beginning of the laſt Year, the Society, when they heard the melancholy Account of the Sufferings of the Proteſtants in *Saltzburg*, (having firſt obtained his Majeſty's Leave) reſolv'd upon doing all that lay in their Power to raiſe Collections for their perſecuted Brethren. To this end, in *June* laſt they publiſhed, *An Account of the Sufferings of the perſecuted Proteſtants in the Archbiſhoprick of* Saltzburg, *&c.* which moved many charitable Perſons to contribute to their Relief: and have very lately publiſhed, *A further Account of their Sufferings*, &c. which 'tis hoped will have the ſame good Effect: And an Account of the Diſtribution of the whole that has been collected, will be laid before the Publick, when perfected, for the Satisfaction of the Contributors.

THESE are the ſeveral Deſigns, in which the Society are at preſent engaged; which being very extenſive, have greatly exceeded the certain yearly Income, ariſing from the Subſcriptions of their Members: But this Deficience, by the Bleſſing of God, has been hitherto ſupplied by caſual Benefactions, and Legacies from well-diſpoſed Perſons; particularly by a moſt generous one of 4000 Pounds,

Pounds, left by Mrs. *Elizabeth Palmer* in 1728, which is ſtill preſerved entire, and the Intereſt of it only applied, from Year to Year, to ſuch Branches of the Society's Deſigns as moſt need it.

THE proper FORM by which, any Benefaction may be given to the Deſigns of the Society, to prevent any Doubt or Miſtake, is as follows:

ITEM, *I* A. B. *do hereby give and bequeath unto* C. D. *of*
*and* E. F. *of*
*the Sum of*
*upon Truſt, and to the Intent that they, or either of them, do pay the ſame to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being, of a Voluntary Society, commonly called, or known by the Name of,* The Society for Promoting Chriſtian Knowledge, *which firſt met about the latter end of the Year* 1698, *and now do, or lately did hold their Weekly Meetings at their Houſe in* Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn: *Which ſaid Sum of*
*I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Society.*

*The*

## *The* TREASURERS *of this Society.*

THE Reverend Dr. *Denne*, Archdeacon of *Rocheſter*, and Rector of St. *Mary Lambeth*, is Treaſurer for all Benefactions to the Deſigns of the Society in general, and to the *Arabick Impreſſions* of the *New Teſtament* and *Pſalter*.

*William Tillard*, Eſq; in *Spital-Square*, is Treaſurer for all *Quarterly Subſcriptions*, and alſo for all *Remittances* for *Packets* of Books ſent to any Members.

*Benjamin Hoare*, Eſq; in *Fleetſtreet*, is Treaſurer for all Benefactions to the *Proteſtant Miſſion* in the *Eaſt-Indies*, and alſo to *Parochial Libraries*.

*N. B.* If the Benefactor is pleaſed to reſtrain his Charity to any particular Branch of the Society's Deſigns, he may add, either in *Great-Britain*, *Paleſtine*, or the *Eaſt-Indies*.

Letters may be directed to *H. Newman*, their Secretary, in *Bartlett's Buildings*, *Holborn*.

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# Appendix.

## N°. I.

THAT the Charity-Schools might anſwer the true Purpoſe for which they were erected, this Society have, in their Annual *Circular Letters* to their Correſpondents, recommended, That, with their Inſtructions in Religion and Piety, they ſhould join all proper Methods of inuring the Children to *Labour* and *Induſty*; and as early as *A. D.* 1712, they have theſe Words:

" AND becauſe ſome have apprehended, " that the placing ſo many of them out " Apprentices to Manual Trades, as is now " generally done, may occaſion, in Time, " a Want of Servants, eſpecially in Huſ- " bandry; the Society recommend it to " your Conſideration, whether the bring- " ing up the Children to Huſbandry, or

" put-

" putting them out to Services in ſober " Families, may not be more uſeful to the " Publick, and no leſs beneficial to them- " ſelves.

In the Year 1719, they go on to recommend the ſame Thing to their Correſpondents.

" Next to improving the Minds of " the Poor in all neceſſary Chriſtian Know- " ledge, the Society have deſired, and do " again earneſtly intreat all their Corre- " ſpondents, to uſe their utmoſt Endea- " vours to get ſome kind of Labour added " to the Inſtruction, given to Children in " the Charity-Schools; as *Husbandry* in " any of its Branches, *Spinning*, *Sewing*, " *Knitting*, and other uſeful Employments; " to which the particular Manufactures " of their reſpective Countries may lead " them: This will bring them to an Ha- " bit of Induſtry, as well as prepare them " for the Buſineſs, by which they are " afterwards to ſubſiſt in the World, " and effectually obviate an Objection a- " gainſt the Charity-Schools, that they " tend to take poor Children off from " thoſe ſervile Offices which are neceſſary " in all Communities, and for which the " wiſe Governor of the World has, by his " Providence, deſigned them.

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"THE beſt means of employing the "Poor, has always had a Share in the "Thoughts of the wiſeſt Men of this "Kingdom; and the preſent State of Af-"fairs, with reſpect to our Trade, ſeems "to require a Continuance of your Care "and Application, to promote thoſe Em-"ployments among the Children educated "in Charity-Schools, which may be moſt "for the Service of the Publick; ſo that "beſide *Reading*, *Writing*, and *Arithme-"tick*, and inſtructing them in the Prin-"ciples and Rules of our holy Religion, "they ought alſo to be inured to ſome "ſort of profitable *Labour* or *Buſineſs*.

"IT has been obſerved by a worthy Cor-"reſponding Member, that where, in the "want of other Labour, the Children in "the Country go a Mile or two to School, "even that has contributed to make them "robuſt and active; and that *Gardening*, "*Plowing*, *Harrowing*, or other ſervile "Labour every other Day for their Pa-"rents, has been no Prejudice to their Pro-"greſs in Learning.

"'TIS not eaſy to preſcribe ſuch an "Employ as would ſuit all Parts of the "Kingdom; and therefore it muſt be left "to the Prudence of thoſe who are in-"truſted with the Management of Cha-"rity-Schools, to chuſe ſuch Employments

"for

" for the Children, as they ſhall judge to
" be moſt practicable in their reſpective
" Places; and if any in in your Neigh-
" bourhood have been ſo happy as to fall
" into a proper Method for employing poor
" Children, you are deſired to ſignify it in
" as particular a manner as you can; that
" when the Society are furniſhed with a
" greater Variety of ſuch Methods, they
" may be communicated to the Publick for
" general Practice.

" AND tho' the Manner of employing
" the Poor, may, at firſt, be attended with
" ſome Difficulty, by reaſon of the Vari-
" ety of Manufactures in the Kingdom;
" and the Materials neceſſary for them,
" which all Places do not equally afford;
" yet wherever an Attempt has been made,
" (tho' by Means perhaps at firſt not appear-
" ing very probable) it has ſeldom failed of
" producing ſome good Effect: for not-
" withſtanding the Produce of the Manu-
" factures, wherein the Poor are employ'd,
" ſhould happen to be but ſmall, yet if
" they are kept from Idleneſs and Beggary,
" and inured to a ſober and induſtrious
" way of Living, the good Effects thereof,
" as well to themſelves as to the Publick,
" will fully compenſate all the Pains that
" ſhall be taken therein.

1720. " THE general Uſefulneſs of *Huſban-*
" *dry* to this Nation, the real Want there

" has

" has been of Perſons to be employed in " it, and the Mortality that has lately hap- " pened in many Counties, eſpecially a- " mong the lower and more laborious ſort " of People, are, in the Opinion of the " Society, all of them, very good Reaſons " to engage their Members to uſe their " utmoſt Endeavours that poor Children " may be bound out *Apprentices* to that " Buſineſs; which would ſilence one of " the moſt popular Clamours that has been " raiſed againſt Charity-Schools. This " Concern, therefore, which ſo nearly af- " fects the common Intereſt of our Coun- " try, is particularly recommended by the " Society to all their Members.

FROM theſe *Extracts* it will appear, how careful this Society has always been, to obviate the common Objections made againſt the Charity-Schools, that they only breed up Children in Idleneſs and Pride; and it muſt not be omitted, that they have particularly deſired that *true Humility* ſhould be taught them, " that great Leſ- " ſon, which our Saviour has preſcribed to " all that will be his Diſciples; leſt the " Advantages they receive from a pious " Education, ſhould incline them to put " too great a Value upon themſelves; and " therefore that the Maſters be often put " in Mind of guarding the Children under

" their Care, as much as poſſible, againſt " ſuch dangerous Conceits; and in order " thereunto, to inſtruct them very care- " fully in the Duties of Servants, and " Submiſſion to Superiors.

" AND knowing that it is of the higheſt " Importance to the Welfare of the Cha- " rity-Schools, to remove all Occaſion of " Complaint againſt them, as Nurſeries of " *Diſaffection* to the Government, They " acquainted their Members in Town and " Country, that his Grace the Archbiſhop " of *Canterbury* having heard ſome Com- " plaints againſt the Conduct of certain " Teachers in theſe Schools, on this Head, " did, in 1716, write a Letter to the Truſ- " tees of the Schools, in and about *Lon-* " *don*, earneſtly exhorting them *rigorouſly* " *to animadvert upon all, whether Children* " *or Teachers, who either appear, or ſuffer* " *them to appear at any time in pub-* " *lick, to affront the Government, and bear* " *a Part in thoſe Tumults and Riots, which* " *are ſo great a Scandal, as well as Pre-* " *judice, to the good Order and Peace of the* " *Realm. And likewiſe, if there be any* " *Catechiſms or Inſtitutions taught in any* " *of theſe Schools, that meddle with political* " *or party Principles, that they ought im-* " *mediately to be thrown aſide, as pernicious* " *to the original Deſign of thoſe pious Nur-* " *ſeries.*

" THAT

" THAT ſome time after this, his Grace, " in a particular manner, recommended " it to the Truſtees of the Charity-Schools " in and about *London*, to require all the " Maſters and Miſtreſſes, under their Di- " rection, not only to take the Oaths to " the Government before their Admiſſion, " but at the Time of their Admiſſion, " to ſubſcribe to ſome ſuch ſolemn Pro- " miſe, or Declaration, as the following, " *viz. That they do heartily acknowledge* " *His Majeſty King* GEORGE, *to be the* " *only lawful and rightful King of theſe* " *Realms; and will, to the utmoſt of their* " *Power, educate the Children committed* " *to their Charge, in a true Senſe of their* " *Duty to him as ſuch; That they will not,* " *by any Words or Actions, do any thing* " *whereby to leſſen their Eſteem of, or their* " *Obedience to the preſent Government. That* " *upon all publick Days, when their Children* " *may be likely to appear among any diſor-* " *derly Perſons, they will do their beſt to* " *keep them in, and ſeverely puniſh them, if* " *they ſhall hear of their running into any* " *Tumults, or publick Meetings, contrary* " *to the good Order of ſuch Schools and* " *Scholars.*

" SEVERAL other Prelates have ear- " neſtly preſſed the like Exhortations, in " their Sermons at the Anniverſary Meet-

" ings of the Charity-Schools, as well as
" on other Occaſions; and the Society
" think it incumbent on them to uſe all
" their Intereſt to procure a general Con-
" formity to his Grace's, and their Lord-
" ſhips Sentiments in this Matter, as of
" the laſt Importance to the Welfare of
" the Charity-Schools; and therefore in-
" treat all their Correſpondents to do their
" utmoſt to remove all Occaſions of Com-
" plaint, as they value the Proſperity of
" theſe Schools.

# N°. II.

## *RULES for the good Order and Government of* CHARITY-SCHOOLS; *drawn up by the Truſtees of thoſe Schools within the Bills of Mortality.*

I. THAT the Directions given by the preſent Lord Biſhop of *London*, to the Maſters and Miſtreſſes of the CHARITY-SCHOOLS, within the Bills of Mortality, and Dioceſe of *London*, in the Year 1724, (a Copy of which hath been formerly ſent to the ſeveral Charity-Schools) be duly obſerved. Particularly,

1. THE Cautions there given againſt teaching the Children any thing that may ſet them above the Condition of Servants, or the more laborious Employments.

2. THE Directions laid down concerning the *Pſalms* to be ſung by the Children

dren on the Days of Collection, that they be taken out of the Book of *Pſalms* only, and ſung in the moſt common and uſual Tunes.

3. THE Method there preſcribed to the Maſters and Miſtreſſes in ſeveral Rules, for poſſeſſing the Minds of the Children with a juſt Senſe of the Duty and Affection they owe to the preſent Government, and the Succeſſion in the *Proteſtant* Line, and with a juſt Dread of the Perſecutions and Cruelties to be expected from a *Popiſh* Government.

II. THAT the Truſtees of every School, according to the Cuſtom of the Place, or the Appointment of the Founder, do frequently meet and examine into the Management of the School, and report the State and Condition of the ſame, at every General Meeting of the Subſcribers.

III. THAT they be very careful in the Choice of a Treaſurer, who is to keep a fair Account of all Receipts and Diſburſements, for the View of all Subſcribers and Contributors, who may deſire to know how the Money is diſpoſed of.

IV. THAT the Perſon who ſhall be choſen for Maſter or Miſtreſs of any School, be a Member of the Church of *England*, of known Affection to his Majeſty King *GEORGE*, and to the *Proteſtant* Succeſſion, as by Law eſtabliſhed, of a religious

Life,

Life, and ſober Converſation, a conſtant Communicant, underſtanding the Grounds and Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and having a Capacity for educating Children, according to the Rules herein recommended.

V. THAT in training up of Children, particular Regard be had to the Buſineſs they are moſt like to be employed in, either as Servants, or in Husbandry, or elſe in the Woollen, Iron, or ſuch other Manufactures, as are moſt uſed in thoſe Places where Charity-Schools are maintained. And in order thereto, that the Children, whilſt at School (be ſo far as is conſiſtent with their neceſſary Learning, and the different Circumſtances of particular Places) inur'd to ſome kind of Work or Labour, and in ſome meaſure daily employed in it. So that they may be rendred moſt uſeful to the Publick; and for this end it may be proper that their Earnings be applied towards finding them in Diet, Lodgings, and other Neceſſaries.

VI. WHEREAS *Thomas Neale* Eſq; deceaſed, did deviſe Part of his Eſtate to be apply'd for ſupporting of *Charity-Schools*, or for ſuch other charitable Uſes as his Executors thought fit; and *Frederick Slare*, Doctor in Phyſick, the ſurviving Executor of the ſaid Mr. *Neale*'s Will, hath out of the Surplus of the ſaid Eſtate appointed a con-

conſiderable Sum of Money for the Payment of an Annual Salary for a Maſter, to inſtruct poor Children in ſuch Part of the Mathematicks, as may fit them for the Sea-Service, and this Appointment hath been eſtabliſhed by a Decree of the High Court of *Chancery*; and a Charity-School for that purpoſe is erected in the City of *London*; and the Truſtees of the ſaid School have ordered, that each Boy that ſhall be ſent from any of the *Charity-Schools*, ſhall be taught the ſaid Science, upon the Payment of twenty Shillings a Year for each Boy.

IT is therefore in a particular manner recommended to the Truſtees of each School, within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, That ſuch Boys as may be thought fit for the Sea-Service, be ſent to the ſaid School, to be inſtructed in an Art which will render them ſo very uſeful to the Publick.

VII. THAT the Truſtees do inſiſt upon it with Parents, as a neceſſary Condition on which their Children are to be taken into School, that they ſend them clean waſhed and comb'd, regularly and conſtantly at the Hours of Schooling; that they comply with all Orders relating to them, and freely ſubmit them to be chaſtiſed for their Faults, without quarrelling or coming to the School on ſuch Occaſions;

that

that Children be not countenanced in their Faults, or Maſters and Miſtreſſes diſcouraged in the Performance of their Duty. But if they have any juſt Reaſon of Complaint, that it be made to the Truſtees, in whoſe Determination they are to acquieſce; or if Parents neglect, or refuſe to obſerve theſe Orders, then their Children to be diſmiſſed the School; and if they are cloathed, to forfeit their School-Cloaths.

VIII. THAT the Truſtees do likewiſe, as far as in them lies, oblige the Parents of all ſuch Children as they take into their Schools, to agree that their Children be put out to ſuch Services, Employments, or Trades, as the Truſtees ſhall think moſt proper and advantageous to the Publick, and the Places where they live.

IX. AND laſtly, That the Truſtees do what they can to engage Parents to give their Children good Examples at Home, of a ſober and religious Behaviour, frequently to call upon them to repeat the Church-Catechiſm, to read the Holy Scriptures, eſpecially on the Lord's Day, and cauſe Prayers to be read Morning and Evening in their Families; ſo that both Parents and Children may be the better informed of their Duty, and by a conſtant and ſincere Practice thereof, promote the pious and uſeful Deſign of *Charity-Schools*, and ſo procure the Bleſſing of God upon them.

## *RULES proper to be Obſerved by the Maſters and Miſtreſſes.*

I. THAT Maſters and Miſtreſſes do themſelves attend the School, at the Times appointed by the Founders and Truſtees, and keep the Children diligently to their Buſineſs during the Hours of Schooling, ſuffering none to be abſent at any time, but upon account of Sickneſs, or ſome ſuch reaſonable Excuſe, unleſs in the Time of Harveſt, and when the Truſtees think it proper, that they ſhould be employed in Husbandry, Spinning, Carding, or ſome other Manufactures; but if Children are kept away, the Truſtees to be acquainted with it, that others more conformable, may be taken into their Places.

II. THAT they teach the Children the true Spelling of Words, make them mind their Stops, and bring them to pronounce and read diſtinctly without a Tone: And becauſe it is found by Experience, that in ſeveral Places in the Country, due Care has not been taken in theſe reſpects, (the Maſters and Miſtreſſes being paid for teaching the Children, either by a Monthly or Quarterly Allowance) it is propoſed to ſuch Foun-

Founders and Truſtees as ſhall think it requiſite, that their Payments be hereafter made in the following Manner: The *firſt* to begin ſo ſoon as each Child can name and diſtinguiſh all the Letters in the Alphabet; the *ſecond* when the Child can ſpell well; and the *third* when it can read well and diſtinctly, and can repeat the Church-Catechiſm.

III. THAT they make it their principal Care to teach the Children to read the Bible, to inſtruct them in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, according to the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, and that they explain the Church-Catechiſm to them by ſome good Expoſition, which, together with the Catechiſm, the Children ſhould publickly repeat in Church, or elſewhere, ſo often as the Miniſter and Truſtees ſhall require, and be frequently examined in School, as to their Improvements of every ſort.

IV. THAT they teach the Children thoſe Doctrines and Principles of Religion, which are in their Nature moſt uſeful in the Courſe of a private Life, and eſpecially ſuch as concern Faith and good Manners.

V. THAT they bring the Children to Church, ſo often as Divine Service is there performed, before it begins, and inſtruct them to behave themſelves orderly, kneeling, or ſtanding, as the Rubrick directs,

and to join in the Publick Service with, and regularly to repeat after the Miniſter, with an humble and low Voice, and in the moſt devout manner, in all Places where the People are ſo directed, in ſuch manner as not to diſturb the reſt of the Congregation, and particularly in ſinging of Pſalms: And that they likewiſe take Care, that the Children bring their Bibles and Common-Prayer-Books always to Church; and in order to prevent their ſpending the Lord's Day idly or profanely, it will be proper that every Maſter and Miſtreſs give each Child ſome Task out of the moſt uſeful Parts of Scripture, to be learnt on each Lord's Day, according to their Capacities; and that they require a ſtrict Performance of it every *Monday* Morning, and alſo oblige them to ſay the Texts of the Sermons preached the Day before.

VI. THAT they never fail to pray Morning and Evening in the School, and teach the Children to do the ſame at Home devoutly upon their Knees, when they riſe and go to Bed, as alſo to ſay Grace before and after Meat.

VII. THAT they take particular Care of the Manners and Behaviour of the Children, and by all proper Methods diſcourage Idleneſs, and ſuppreſs the Beginnings of Vice; ſuch as Lying, Curſing, Swearing, profaning the Lord's Day, obſcene Diſcourſe,

courſe, Stealing, *&c.* Putting them often in Mind, and obliging them to get by Heart ſuch Parts of the Holy Scriptures, where thoſe Things are forbid, and where Chriſtians are commanded to be faithful and obedient to their Maſters, to be diligent in their Buſineſs, and quiet and peaceable to all Men.

VIII. THAT they call over in School, the Children's Names every Morning and Afternoon; and if any be miſſing, that they put them down in Rolls kept for that purpoſe, as tardy or abſent, as alſo for their being guilty of breaking any of the aforeſaid Rules and Orders, and that they lay theſe Rolls before the Founders or Truſtees of every School, when required ſo to do, or before any other Perſon empowered by the Founder, Truſtees, or Subſcribers, who have a Right to enquire into their Behaviour, in order to their Encouragement, Correction, or Expulſion.

IX. THAT they take Care that where the Children are cloathed, they wear their Caps, Bands and Cloaths every Day; whereby the Truſtees, Benefactors, and others, may know and ſee what their Behaviour is abroad.

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